

Newstead Town Board Meeting- August 23, 2004

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, August 23, 2004 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe, Supervisor
Tom George- Councilman
Joan Glor- Councilwoman
Harold L. Finger- Councilman
Scott Chaffee- Councilman
Jim Ebersole- Highway Superintendent
Christine Falkowski- Building Administrator
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney
Dawn Izydorzak- Town Clerk
Kathleen Lang- Deputy Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present.

Councilman Finger led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on August 9, 2004 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded Councilwoman Glor by to approve as presented. Carried Unanimously

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A notification from the Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo & Erie County announcing World Literacy Day on September 8, 2004. This day will be celebrated with a traveling game show called “Wheel of Literacy” which will begin at 7:30am-9:00am on Chippewa at Spot Coffee and then move to Lafayette Square for more fun and a cookout.

The Quarterly Report for Rural Metro was received for the months of April-June with Akron Fire Co. receiving 157 calls with 58 transports and 99 cancels and Newstead Fire Co. receiving 95 calls with 32 transports and 63 cancels.

A letter from Legislator Charles Swanick regarding the town’s proposal to designate certain businesses as non-conforming and explaining the Ag Boards position on this matter.

A letter from Clarence Supervisor Kathleen Hallock inviting the Town of Newstead board members and board members from other surrounding towns to sit in on a Inter-Community Committee which would meet monthly and address issues that specifically affect each of those boarding towns. The goal being to work together on some of their shared issues.

A letter from First United Methodist Church, along with a check, securing their right of first refusal on the town hall complex when it is sold.

A letter from the Erie County Legislature announcing a second meeting to be held August 31, 2004 in the Honorary Courtroom on the 2nd Floor in the Old County Hall at 7:00pm on the protection of farmland. The topic at this meeting will be Purchase of Development Rights.

A notification from Erie County Division of Highways announcing a new Load Limit Posting for the Cedar Street bridge over Tonawanda Creek. The posting has been lowered from 18 tons to 10 tons due to deterioration of the bridge.

A Health Advisory Notice was received from Erie County Dept. of Health regarding surveillance of the Avian Influenza A virus throughout China, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.

A letter of response was received from the Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning regarding the resolution passed by the Town Board on August 9, 2004.

A packet of information pamphlets was received from the NYS Dept. Of Public Service regarding "Green Power in New York State" as well as tip sheets on "Shopping for an Energy Supplier" and "How to Use Energy Wisely".

Erie County has announced their next Household Hazardous Waste drop-off day on Saturday, September 11, 2004 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Honeywell Specialty Chemicals, 20 Peabody St, Buffalo, NY and their next Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, September 18, 2004 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Praxair's south lot, Woodward Ave., Tonawanda, NY.

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to receive and file correspondence as presented. Carried Unanimously

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that work session was held on August 2, 2004 and the following issues were discussed: the new town hall project, water district #10, a response to Swanick letter, Internet Policy, Assessor/Building Clerk position, Latka subdivision, Budget meetings, the senior center project, roof repairs at the highway garage and town park field rehabilitation were also discussed.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve the Budget Transfers requested by Bookkeeper Kathleen Strobele per her memo dated 8/20/04. Carried Unanimously

Approval of Bills -Councilwoman Glor reported that the Abstract from Batch #310 from the August 9,2004 meeting has been reviewed with the previously UN-audited vouchers and everything was found in order. She presented Abstract Batch #314. Vouchers on these abstracts numbered 850-888_ totaling \$54,302.99 and were presented for payment approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Chaffee to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 314:

General Fund (A) -\$8,094.25, Fund (B) \$46.00, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$303.43, Capital Projects- WD#5-Phase II (HC) \$0, CAP-Senior Center (HF)- \$14,374.80, Sewer Dist. #2 (HJ)- \$0, CAP- Library Fund (HE)-\$0, CAP-WD#10 (HI)- \$0, CAP- Town Hall (HK)- \$10,530.00, Fire Protection (SF) \$0, Refuse (SR) \$20,538.14, Sewer Fund (SS) \$26.87, Sewer District #2 (SS02)- \$58.51, and Water Districts (SW1) \$1.65, (SW2) \$11.22, (SW3) \$262.68, (SW4) \$2.31, (SW5) \$39.60, (SW6) \$3.96, (SW7) \$9.57, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, Trust & Agency (TA) \$0, Totaling \$54,302.99 Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –Superintendent Ebersole is hoping to shred topsoil tomorrow for park fields. Community Center lines and arrows finish this week. There has been no roofer yet for Highway. He is requesting Akron Fire Company whistle behind Highway garage be lowered due to the intense high decibel level. Supervisor thanked highway employee's Dean and Peter for work on benches.

Assessor – Not present

Building Office –the following building report was presented by the Building Administrator Christine Falkowski:

Richard Surman	5985 Crittenden	Fireplace
Robert Cierniak	12087 Buckwheat	Shed

Golden Pond Estates	Lot #25	Re-roof
David Balsler	7487 Maple	Barn Addition
Paul Hennessy	12666 Clair	Deck
Capan/Lucas	13902 Bloomingdale	Pole Barn
Scott Chaffee	5792 Buell	Re-roof

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to accept and approve the Building Report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk- Web site use averaging 75 – 100 hits per week.

Attorney for the Town – The Lions Club is paying for additional 12 electrical outlets at Town Park Building. He talked to Village Attorney Shonn about the possible future of this town hall building. Lawful uses for present Town Hall building and current use for entire block is non-conforming. The village possibly considering re-zoning entire block.

COUNCILPERSONS

Chaffee – His e-mail is working ok now.

George – Nothing at this time

Glor – Nothing at this time

Finger- Nothing at this time

SUPERVISOR – July Supervisors report on file with the Town Clerk.

He also wanted to thank the highway guys for their work on the benches for Town Park and Senior Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #10/Water Tank-

Hartgen still working on study and getting ready for next public information meeting on Sept 22, 2004. The water lines, service and location will be discussed. Mailing to go out to residents around Sept 7,2004.

Town Wide Drainage- Nothing new, still 30 day waiting period.

Town Hall Project- Bids due August 26. Construction supervisor feels good about projects progress.

Route 5 Zoning-Changes in C-1 zone with adding used car facilities is ok. Getting ready for next public meeting.

Bike Path Project- Nothing new at this time.

Senior Center Project- meeting tomorrow to go over some issues.

Other- nothing

